Building an Effective Stormwater Funding Strategy

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2	Text with links to italicized text (which links to detailed information under each italicized section	Introduction: Why Involve Private Parties in Municipal Stormwater Management? Necessary for comprehensive municipal stormwater management Polluted stormwater is the major cause of water quality impairments in urban America, and most land from which stormwater flows is privately owned. It should come as no surprise, then, that communities are looking for ways to engage private properties to reduce these impacts, as these areas often present opportunities for stormwater infrastructure implementation. In addition, private properties may not have existing utility infrastructure and other site constraints, which makes these potentially low-cost locations for siting for stormwater management investments. Alternative project funding and delivery options improve cost-effectiveness, risk allocation, timeliness, and environmental outcomes. Stormwater infrastructure projects are traditionally implemented either through public-only led or privately-only led efforts to fund/finance projects through the traditional design-bid-build paradigm. There is increasing interest in delivering infrastructure projects using non-traditional approaches to reduce the time and costs associated with project implementation. These approaches		

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		involve integration of two or more of services associated with project design, build, finance, operation, and maintenance. Non-traditional delivery approaches can lower costs, reduce project delivery schedules, reduce public agency risks, and enable use of for a mix of using public or private financing tools. In some instances, these frameworks take the form of a public-private partnership (P3) and in other instances it may take the form of a performance-based contract. **Unlocks potential for innovative partnerships** - Unlike most other infrastructure sectors, stormwater infrastructure impacts many stakeholders across a variety of spheres. While we all rely on wastewater treatment technologies in daily life, the footprint of a POTW has limited physical impacts on a community and its stakeholders. To contrast, stormwater runoff affects all landscapes and impacts not only public works departments, but parks, roads, and economic development entities as well. Partnerships between the public and the private sector, such as a P3, or between two public entities, provide opportunities for cost savings and overall project value based upon areas of shared interest and leveraging potentials. (See chapter 2.5 for more information on multi-objective stormwater projects)	

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3	Subchap ter navigati on slide with explanat ory text; button links to main sub- sections	Subchapter 6.1: Economic Instruments for Private Property Stormwater Management Investments Unlocking the Power of Incentives and Market Forces The use of market-based economic instruments too can be a powerful motivation for private property owners to adopt stormwater infrastructure on their properties. Municipalities are using incentive programs to encourage implementation of stormwater infrastructure for retrofit, redevelopment and new development projects on various property types, such as residential, commercial and institutional properties. This subchapter discusses how private land owners and investors can become more involved in addressing the nation's stormwater management challenges. 6.1.1: Incentive-based: Programs Designs to Change Behavior Sump to Slide 4 6.1.2: Offsite Alternative Compliance/Credit-Based Programs Jump to Slide 8	
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5	Text	Cost Avoidance
	with backgro und	 <u>Fee Reductions</u> – Reduction in stormwater fees based upon the implementation and ongoing maintenance of a stormwater asset on private property Also known as fee discounts, rebates or credits
	image; brief	 Nearly half of communities with a stormwater fee offer a fee reduction option (Blac & Veatch, 2014)
	text descripti	 Advantage(s) Direct financial reward for action taken
	on of	Challenge(s)/shortcoming(s)
	main items	 Fees usually set so low that the reduction is far less than the cost needed for BMP implementation
	with button for	 If a high number of property owners take advantage of the program, there could be a lack of adequate funding for the stormwater program sponsoring the reduction
	addition	May become burdensome with paperwork
	al detail	 Ongoing maintenance is likely to not be provided in a robust fashion
	and case study	 Example(s) Washington, D.C.'s Clean Rivers program associated with DC Water's CSO program allows for a 4% discount on the Impervious Area Charge. DC's Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) also offers a maximum of 55% off their stormwater fee when adopting on-site GI (DOEE, 2016).
		• <u>Insurance Premiums</u> - Reduction of flood insurance premium based upon on-site adoption of
		specified stormwater management practices
		 Advantage(s) Direct financial reward for insurance policy holders Encourages those who need flood insurance to obtain this coverage at a
		reduced cost O Challenge(s)/shortcoming(s)
		Not in practice yet
		 Example(s) Community Rating System within the National Flood Insurance Program allows reduced
		insurance rates for homeowners in communities who adopt specific practices to reduce flood risk and enhance resilience overall, including the development of GI-focused building codes, ordinances, and a focus on runoff volume as well as peak flow

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		For more details: <u>Get Flood Insurance Discounts with Low Impact Development,</u> <u>Open Space Protection Plans, and Stormwater Management Regulations</u> (EPA,2016).	
6	Text with backgro und image; brief text descripti on of main items with button for addition al detail and case study	Financial Gain Subsidies Basic subsidy — Public pays for a portion (or all) of a stormwater investment on a private parcel. This may require a cost-share with property owners. Example(s) Prince George's County, Maryland will pay up to for \$4,000 for rain barrels, permeable pavement, rain gardens, and other onsite GI treatment on residential properties and up to \$20,000 for non-residential properties (Prince George's County, 2017). NOTE: Be clear about the full program cost — not just the grant to these properties. There is on-going operational costs for these programs and for the assurance that the facilities are maintained and functioning. Enhanced subsidy — The public entity establishes a program or framework where payments are made to private firms (or private property owners) who site, design, implement and inspect/maintain stormwater infrastructure. Example(s) Philladelphia Water Department's (PWD) Stormwater Management Incentive Program (SMIP) and Green Acres Retrofit Program (GARP) Olo,000 impervious acres to "green" as stated in the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) consent decree PWD raised stormwater fees on many non-residential property owners Credit/rebate of up to 80% provided for onsite retention provided Findings show return on investment is challenging Project aggregation may help Fund retrofits <\$100K (SMIP), <\$90K and >10 ac (GARP) Advantage(s) Provides pathway to reduced costs for private property stormwater investments (due to cost share, etc.) Challenge(s)/shortcoming(s) Subsidy most often does not cover full cost of investment Leads to disparity among beneficiaries based upon socio-economic condition (see Seattle example)	
7	Text with Images	Program/Project Support Land Developer Support — Opportunities for reduced review fee or review time is based up integration of specific types of stormwater management infrastructure into project Usually targets innovative or emerging practices, such as green infrastructure	

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		 Advantage(s) Enables efforts to incorporate new, innovative or emerging technologies or approaches into projects Reduction in plan review/approval times for developers is equivalent to saving money on project costs Reduced fees have direct cost-savings impact for projects Challenge(s)/shortcoming(s) Limited to new and redevelopment projects only, so is more impactful for areas with high land development/redevelopment rates 		
8	Text with image; button navigati on on top level bullets (content shown here on followin	quality and quantity benefits at an alternative location usually in the same subwatershed. Simply granting site-specific waivers with no alternative compliance does not provide such benefits. Communities have developed different types of programs to provide flexibility to accommodate		
	g slides)	 market forces as well as expand overall opportunities for implementation of stormwater management infrastructure. Offsite Stormwater Alternative Compliance Program Developer Led In-Lieu Fee Municipal Stormwater Credit Programs Regional Stormwater Credit Programs 		
9	Text with Images	Offsite Stormwater Alternative Compliance Program – Developer Led In these programs, developers, as opposed to the public entity, identify a site or sites where investments can be made to offset post construction stormwater impacts at a regulated site or project. For more information about how states incorporate offsite alternative compliance provisions in permits and state regulations see: Summary of State Post Construction Stormwater Standards. O Advantage(s) Provides water quality benefits to the community that could not be realized on the regulated sites due to certain constraints. Provides opportunity for project owner (usually land developer) to identify a low-cost option for meeting regulatory requirements Reduces the burden on the public sector to find alternative sites compared to public-led programs Challenge(s)/shortcoming(s)		

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		 Usually limited to new and redevelopment projects only, so is more impactful for areas with high land development/redevelopment rates Public has less control to direct the alternative compliance to areas of the community where stormwater management is desired. If policies are not well structured, could lead to localized impacts to water quality or quantity. Example(s) City of San Diego, CA Alternative Compliance Program Focus is on offsite and alternative stormwater compliance for meeting new development requirements in the MS4 permit Offsite projects have to be constructed and stabilized by the developer prior to allowing for alternative compliance to be granted. Additionally, there is a requirement to fulfill a "water quality treatment equivalency", as detailed in their program. https://www.sandiego.gov/sites/default/files/phase_ii_progress
		update_presentation.pdf
10		Offsite Stormwater Alternative Compliance Program – In-Lieu Fee In-Lieu Fee - Allowing developers to pay a fee in-lieu of making on-site green stormwater investments with a portion of this fee dedicated to operation and maintenance. The fund are used for capital and operation and maintenance for investments in stormwater management. Advantage(s) Simple/low complexity way for developers to meet stormwater requirement Provides a revenue source for public sector to use for stormwater infrastructure investments Very common method in use today Challenge(s)/shortcoming(s) Shifts burden from private sector to public sector to implement stormwater infrastructure to meet regulatory requirements Likely to require implementation to occur within a specified time period, which may be challenging for public sector to meet.
11		Offsite Stormwater Alternative Compliance Program – Municipal Stormwater Credits Programs These programs are typically based on an alternative approach to meeting a post construction performance standard for new development and redevelopment in an MS4 or Construction stormwater permit or state regulation. A credit-based approach commoditizes aspects of stormwater management treatment, such as stormwater volume, and facilitates the selling/buying of stormwater volume credits on a transactional platform or through bi-lateral negotiation. The program is based upon a measurable metric (i.e., gallons of runoff retained, acres of impervious cover treated, etc.). The credits in this context are exchanged within a single jurisdiction that holds the NDPES MS4 permit.
		 Advantage(s) Allows for a "true" financial valuation of stormwater management services

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no.		Areas needing high levels of stormwater treatment may be addressed more efficiently through well-crafted policies to direct the compensated stormwater management. Stormwater credit programs should theoretically lead to more cost-efficient implementation of stormwater infrastructure by allowing lower-cost investments to be made in one location in lieu of higher-cost investments in another area Challenge(s)/shortcoming(s) Primarily limited to new and redevelopment projects only, so is more impactful for areas with high land development/redevelopment rates May require significant costs for set-up as well as transaction costs during the program, which may offset the cost reductions realized from market-based dynamics May require complex policies and rules which may inject uncertainty and perceived risk for those stakeholders most likely to take advantage of the program (primarily land developers) May not include an incentive for aggradation of multiple projects, which is a lost opportunity for cost reductions associated with economies of scale — with the result of a potential chilling effect on large-scale implementation of stormwater infrastructure Example(s) Washington, DC Stormwater Retention Credit Program 1.2" retention standard (90th percentile storm) Half on-site required, rest can be purchased through credits or inlieu fee Credit buyers in urban core, credit generators in outlying urban districts Exported retention could lead to social and environmental benefits and economic efficiencies Chattanoga, TN Based upon 1" retention standard for MS4 permit for new/redevelopment projects This defines their "Stay-On-Volume" (SOV) SOV of 1.6" for protected watersheds Sites must meet 80% TSS and either: Find off-site mitigation Pay "mitigation fee" of \$45/cubic foot Buy "water quality" coupon Purchased from other developers or same developer at other site		
12	Text	Offsite Stormwater Alternative Compliance Program – Regional Stormwater Credit Programs		
	with			
	Images	A public entity or an established authority (e.g. Watershed Improvement District, etc.) located in key areas make regional investments and the "credits" of excess stormwater treatment that is		

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no.		• Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality has created a demand and supply market for land conservation projects that are protective of water quality. The agency's stormwater program requires reductions of phosphorus runoff from certain types of road construction projects that can be achieved by purchasing phosphorus credits from state-certified credit banks. Credits purchased are generated by Virginia farmers in the Potomac and James River watersheds, whose farming practices have permanently reduced the amount of phosphorus flowing into those rivers and, ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay. The farm practices are certified by the state as "nutrient credit banks" and come solely from private investors, reducing reliance on public funds and generating a new revenue stream for participating farmers. These credits cost VDOT approximately 50% less than other, more traditional engineered pollution reduction practices, such as detention ponds, and underground filters. In addition, these banks advance other goals such as wildlife habitat, stream buffers and land preservation. For more information see: https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2014/12/16/federalagencies-support-virginias-innovative-market-based-approach https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/technical/emkts/?cid=nrcseprd354814			

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13	Subchapter navigation slide with explanatory text; button links to main sub-sections	Subchapter 6.2: Alternative Project Delivery Approaches for Stormwater Management Infrastructure Investments The traditional way of implementing infrastructure in the U.S. is through the design-bid-build process, which is true for the stormwater infrastructure as well. This model has served the purpose of providing a fair and deliberate way to deliver projects; however, this approach has built-in inefficiencies that reduce the pace of project construction and inflate costs associated with infrastructure project delivery. A movement to consider alternative project delivery approaches has emerged in the U.S. as the need to improve and expand our aging infrastructure has increased. Associated with these approaches, which includes design-build and various public-private partnership (P3) models, is the potential to provide a platform for public and private financing. In other partnerships not contractually-based, the opportunities for public, private, and non-profit	

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		sectors can unlock efficiencies through opportunistic and win-win arrangements, which may include revenue, funding, and financing aspects. This chapter will explore all of these topics to provide you with a sampling of dynamics in this evolving field. 6.2.1: Traditional Project Delivery
14	Background image button to click and bring up definition for key terms listed allow further clicking to bring up additional information for some terms (e.g., traditional project delivery)	 Project Delivery Definition, Terminology, and Examples Project Delivery – Efforts taken to site, design and construct/install infrastructure projects Traditional Project Delivery – The use of the "Design-Bid-Build", which describes a process where a design is developed (usually by an engineering or architecture consultant), then put out to competitive bid for construction contractors, which is typically awarded to the lowest-bid. Alternative Project Delivery – This is a general term that captures the process used to site, design, plan, finance and construct/install

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		 https://youtu.be/I165WfywckM - MOST interview, "Alternative Delivery Models: Lessons Learned and Opportunities", Jeff Hughes, Director of the Environmental Finance Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Cooperative Partnerships - This is the term used in this subchapter to describe partnerships that are not P3s, but rather, are defined in a broader context and are typically informal, ad hoc or project-oriented rather than formal/legal, highly coordinated, or programmatic. These partnerships can include multiple partners from multiple sectors. Examples of these types of partnerships are partnerships between two (or more) public agencies, such as an agreement between two public sector departments (e.g., parks and roads department) to cooperate on aspects of a project impacting both departments, or a partnership between a private entity and a public entity under similar circumstances. Additionally, non-profits can be integrated into a cooperative partnership arrangement along with other partners from both the public and the private sectors. Performance-Based Contract - This is a contracting method that focuses on outputs or outcomes that are tied to payments for services or good provided rather than how the services or good are to be provided. (The Institute for Public Procurement, 2018).
15	This is additional information for "Traditional Project Delivery"	Design: Public sector identifies project need and procures design services Bid: Public sector procures construction services based upon produced design via bid process (normally awarded to "low bid") Build: Contractor awarded construction services builds the project Owner General Contractor Subcontractors Considerations:
		 The traditional and default way to deliver projects in the U.S. Onerous procurement process Change orders in the field increase costs

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		 Inefficiencies in delivering projects – also increases costs Places a majority of project risk on the public sector Limits the pace of infrastructure delivered Results in elevated costs to deliver projects
16	Text with images	6.2.2 – Understanding Alternative Project Delivery Options O Design-Build (DB) Design-Build "Plus" Full-Delivery Model Community-Based Public-Private Partnerships (CBP3)
17	This is additional information for "Alternative Project Delivery"	Design-Build (DB) Construct:

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		project delivery is reduced to the public sector this has value for the public sector
		Coel Established
		Preliminary Details Inc. Construction Drawings Previous Inc. Construction TRADITIONAL DESIGN-BID-BUILD METHOD
		Cost Established
		Preliminal Details Constitution Potential Time Saving DESIGN BUILD METHOD
18	This is additional information for "Alternative Project Delivery"	Design-Build "Plus" Construct: Integrates the design and the construction (build) aspects of project delivery Includes additional services (operate, maintain, ownership, finance) — ownership retained by public A Simple Comparative Descrives A Simple Comparative Descrives City Required Reviews & City Required Reviews & Approved City Required Reviews & Approved Construction Financing Design Examples of DB-Plus arrangements: Design-Build-Operate (DBO) Design-Build-Finance (DBF)
		 Design-Build-Operate-Finance (DBOF)
		Design-Build-Operate-Maintain (DBOM) Design Build Finance Maintain (DBFM)
		 Design-Build-Finance-Maintain (DBFM) Design-Build-Operate-Finance-Maintain (DBFOM)
		(DBFOM) O Advantages:
		Similar cost savings and increased pace of project

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		■ Includes financing as an option, which can reduce the public sector's debt obligation, financial risk profile and open up financing options for communities how have poor debt rating or otherwise are limited in public financing capacity. ○ Arrangements that phase in private sector involvement in unique manner ■ Construction Manager At-Risk (CMAR) is an example ● Public sector develops design plans ○ High level of control by public ● Private party (construction manager) advises during design phase ○ Becomes familiar with the project during design ○ Acts an advocate for the owner ● Private party agrees to construct the project at a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) ○ Reduces risk on construction side for public sector ○ Several other arrangements exist where the private sector retains ownership of asset in program ■ Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) is an example ● Private partner owns asset and leases to public entity for period of time, then transfers back to public sector ■ Build-Own-Operate (BOO) is another example ● Private partner owns asset and does not transfer back to public sector – private partner retains ownership
19	This is additional information for "Alternative Project Delivery"	 Full-Delivery Model Construct: Also known as "turn-key" project delivery Similar to DBFOM model Difference between full-delivery model and DBFOM is that the private sector can identify and site actual projects to be delivered to meet that program outcomes Private sector takes on all project financing and project delivery risks Advantage(s):

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		 Loss of control by public eliminates potential to direct benefits of project implementation in equitable fashion Example/Case Study: Anne Arundel County, MD \$6M award for generation of water quality credits by providing services that include: Provide all upfront investment Identify projects/sites on private properties only Develop designs and implement projects Provide at least two years of O&M Winning team will be reimbursed only after conditions are met https://youtu.be/zrpQn8Pi6MI - MOST video interview with Erik Michelsen with Anne Arundel County, MD
20	This is additional information for "Public-Private Partnership (P3)"	 Community-Based Public-Private Partnerships (CBP3) Construct: Based upon typical formal P3 structure with several differences Typical formal P3 elements included in a CBP3 Integrated project delivery services Potential for private and blended financing Fixed fee Additional characteristics of a CBP3 Public retains self-defined amount of control over the program Community goals and interest are central to the program Additional profits gained through cost efficiencies in project delivery is automatically re-invested into program Ambivalent on public vs. private financing − whatever is best for the community Example(s)/Case Study in Prince George's County, MD Program focusing on integrated green stormwater infrastructure CBP3 entity established − Clean Water Partnership − March, 2015 2,000 impervious acres for initial (3 yr) "pilot" phase completed in June, 2018 Using traditional project delivery approach, cost would be ~\$300M assuming \$150K per impervious acre retrofitted, which is a fair

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		 Phase I projected to cost \$100M, but ended up costing \$92M (unit cost ended up being \$44K/imp acre) Reduced project delivery time by more 50% Set benchmarks for local resident employment in the program as well as small local business usage – and exceeded all targets significantly A significant amount of resources are available at: https://www.epa.gov/G3/financing-green-infrastructure-community-based-public-private-partnerships-cbp3-right-you https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-12/documents/gi cb p3 guide epa r3 final 042115 508.pdf
21	Text with Images	6.2.3 – Cooperative Partnerships o Public-Public o Public-Private o Public-Non-Profit These arrangements are often defined through Maintenance Agreements, Memorandums of Agreement or Understanding that define the activities and responsibilities for each party.
22	This is additional information for "Cooperative Partnerships"	Public-Public • Public-Public • Description of the parks and roads in a municipality that outlines the cooperation regarding opportunities for green infrastructure implementation during street rehabilitation and/or reconstruction. https://www.rivernetwork.org/resource/promoting-green-streets-recipe/
23	This is additional information for "Cooperative Partnerships"	Public-Private • Public-Private ○ Example: Runoff generated in a transportation Right-of-Way (ROW) captures flows from the roadway as well as runoff from a privately-owned property that is being redeveloped. The owner of the redeveloped property agrees to provide compensation for stormwater treatment generated by the redevelopment project in the ROW along with providing an easement and agreeing to provide long-term O&M services for the stormwater infrastructure located in the ROW. http://www.seattle.gov/util/cs/groups/public/@spu/@diroff/documents/webcontent/1 062771.pdf
24	This is additional information for "Cooperative Partnerships"	Public-Non-Profit • Public-Non-Profit • Example: A non-profit group, or multiple non-profit groups, work with a community to identify and obtain vacant lots in urban areas and invest in green infrastructure to provide stormwater runoff retention as well as community benefits.

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		http://www.cbf.org/news- media/newsroom/2015/mayor-breaks-ground-on- vacant-lot-restoration-program.html
25	Text with Images	 Advantages of Cooperative Partnerships Arrangements for infrastructure investment that include multiple parties are often established to leverage the strengths of each sector involved with specific challenges associated with a project or a program. Examples of challenges are complexities and barriers in public procurement and the need to raise capital for an infrastructure project. Example: Craft3 is a non-profit in the Pacific Northwest area who provides rebate advances for green infrastructure. This helps to overcome a barrier for low-income residents who lack the capital to implement a green infrastructure practice on their property. This program helps to provide equity in green infrastructure investments in the Seattle area. https://www.craft3.org/Borrow/conservation-loans/rainwise-pilot-access-loan-program Cooperative partnerships can help to reduce costs of project delivery for stormwater management infrastructure significantly as this approach seeks opportunities for retrofits. Specifically, the cost to retrofit a roadway to integrate green infrastructure into the landscape is more costly if it is done as a stand-alone project. However, if a road is being rehabilitated or reconstructed, the marginal cost for implementing green infrastructure in this context is much lower, as it is an ancillary part of the larger construction effort
26	Text with Images; buttons to enable additional navigation and details for key terms	Subchapter 6.2.4 – Putting Alternative Project Delivery into Action Planning for Alternative Project Delivery Do Background Research on Potential for Alternative Project Delivery Statutory – State legislation often defines, outlines and enables alternative project delivery (e.g., P3) frameworks – consult information regarding your state's statutory language on this topic. Specific areas often included in state legislation for P3s and other alternative delivery options are: Definition - The definition of a P3 or other alternative project delivery frameworks is often defined and normally identifies "eligible projects", which may be limited to transportation projects, for instance, or it may be open to other public works projects as well. Bidding process – legislation may require a "two-phase" bidding process for an RFQ and an RFP as well as the nature of bidding, such as allowing for selection to be made based upon "best value" rather than "lowest cost". Proposals - state legislation often addresses the ability of a community to consider unsolicited proposals

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		■ Selection — Some states require that proposals and/or projects be reviewed by a committee established by the state before final approval. ○ Governance - Local government autonomy via Home Rule vs. limited autonomy via Dillon Rule may impact alternative project delivery construct/arrangement. Gather information on the nature of your state and community regarding autonomy. ○ Procurement — Consult with procurement department to understand how differing alternative project delivery options can work with current procurement policies and investigate how procurement process would have to be changed or utilized for differing alternative project delivery options. ○ Funding/Financing — Consider what role funding, revenue and/or financing will play in the project or program. Having a dedicated revenue source, such as stormwater utility fee, can provide the repayment revenue needed to enable new and expanded forms of financing. Some parties may promote the use of a alternative project delivery method that requires private debt and equity financing, while others may be ambivalent regarding the source of funding via financing. Consult with infrastructure financing specialists to carefully consider the short-term and the long-term impacts associated with differing financing frameworks associated with respective alternative project delivery option considered. ● Educate Internally ○ An effort will likely be needed to educate political leaders and decision makers on alternative project delivery options, including both the advantages and disadvantages. It is advised that advantages include not only environmental and regulatory aspects of the program/project, but the social, economic, and other co-benefits associated with stormwater infrastructure (especially green infrastructure). In addition, the cost savings and the ability to finance the project/program using off-balance-sheet options should be stressed. ● Gain Support ○ Once decision-makers and other stakeholders understand the nature of the alternative project deli
27	Text with Images; maybe break into multiple stepwise slides or create buttons in a process description	Getting Input from Private Parties • Communities should invest time and energy into reviewing options and becoming familiarized with various alternative project delivery options; however, the most effective way to understand the level of interest from

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		 ideas to consider when moving forward is to release a Request for Information (RFI) or a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). When formulating the RFI or RFQ as a first step, communities should consider not only regulatory goals, but also other sectors as well, such as economic development, social equity, local job and business creation. Insights gained from the release of an RFI or RFQ may help to narrow down alternative delivery options to the preferred approach to move forward. Consider using this information and consult with a professional group who has experience in alternative project delivery and associated financing vehicles to select the ideal approach for your project/program and your community. One way to measure the quantitative value of a proposed alternative project delivery option is to use the "Value-for-Money" (VfM) approach, which is a method that quantifies costs to the public sector for the statusquo ("Public Comparator") and the P3 option ("Shadow Bid"). Costs include both construction and design services, but also include estimated costs associated with various project risks – this valuation of risk is critical as the allocation of risks from public to private sector holds significant value to the public sector, and capturing the value of this risk transfer/allocation is critical when comparing traditional versus alternative project delivery approaches. This method intended to provide a way to quantitatively contrast varying scenarios in an objective manner. A challenge in employing this method is the potential for subjective assumptions that may reduce the credibility of the output. https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ipd/pdfs/p3/p3_value_for_money_primer_122612.pdf - FHWA VfM pimer